

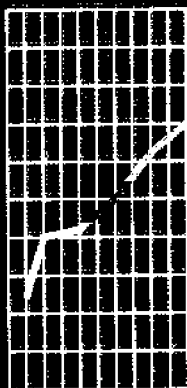


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# **Business Indicators**

## **Australian Capital Territory**



## NOTES

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n.a.	not available
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### UPDATED SERIES

Series updated since the December 1995 issue are: population; labour force; industrial disputes; housing finance; building approvals; house price indexes; retail turnover; tourism; new motor vehicle registrations; business expectations; and average retail prices.

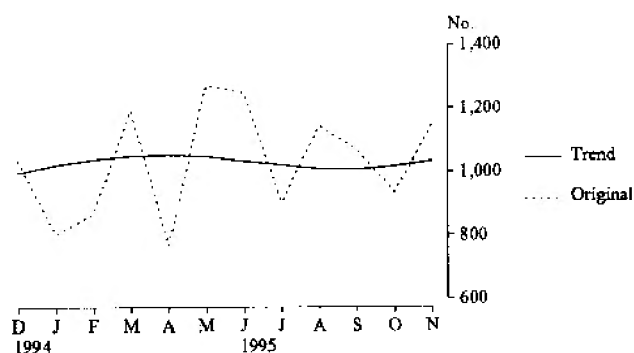
### NOTABLE MOVEMENTS

- Population** The estimated resident population of the ACT as at 30 June 1995 was 304,100 an increase of only 0.1% (or 200 persons) in the June quarter 1995. The ACT population growth rate during the 12 months to 30 June 1995 was 1.1%, slightly below the 1.2% recorded nationally.
- Unemployment** The trend number of persons employed in the ACT decreased in December 1995 to 159,300, a fall of 0.2% (or 300 persons). An increase of 300 in full-time employment was offset by a fall of 600 in part-time employment. The trend unemployment rate in the ACT was 7.3% in December (up from 7.1% in November) and was the lowest of all States and Territories except for Northern Territory. The participation rate in the ACT remained a high 74.3%.
- Industrial disputes** In the year to September 1995 there were only 7 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT as against 87 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally.
- Housing** The trend number of dwelling units financed in the ACT during October 1995 increased by 1.7% to 797 dwellings. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in October 1995 was \$77.7 million, an increase of 2.1% on the previous month.
- November 1995 produced the third consecutive month of increases in the trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT with 336 approvals, an increase of 21.3%. Nationally the trend total number of dwelling units approved fell by 1.7%.
- The price index of established houses for Canberra fell by 0.1% in the September quarter 1995 and by 3.3% over the year. Nationally, the index decreased by 0.2% in the September quarter 1995 and there was no change compared to September 1994.
- Retail turnover** The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for November 1995 was \$183.9 million, a decrease of 0.1% from the previous month. The largest decrease in turnover for the ACT occurred within the hospitality and services industry (-1.4%). National trend retail turnover has increased by 7.8% over the last 12 months compared to 4.3% for the ACT.
- Tourism** The room occupancy rate for hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities in the ACT was 62.7% in the September quarter 1995, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points from the previous quarter and a decrease of 3.3 percentage points from the September quarter 1994.

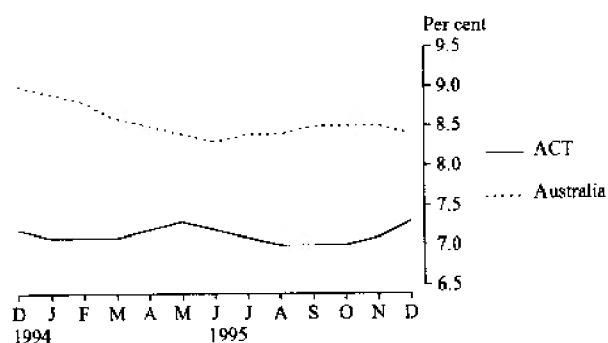
New motor vehicle registrations	The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in November 1995 was 1,005, a fall of 0.1% from October 1995, but 3.3% higher than for November 1994. Nationally trend estimates in November 1995 were 1.1% lower than the previous month and 5.2% lower than the November 1994 figure.
Retail outlook	ACT businesses short-term expected outlook for the March quarter 1996 is an increase in sales of goods and services of 0.5%, compared to a national fall of 0.2%.

## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

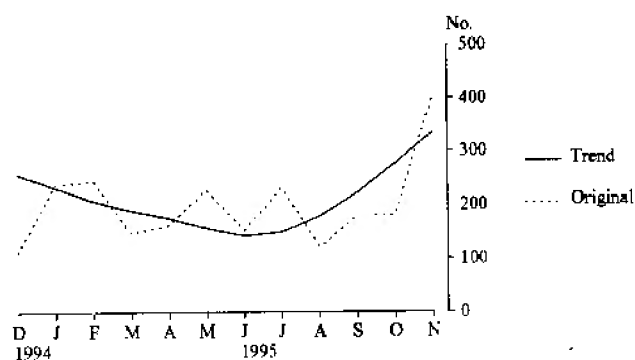
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE  
REGISTRATIONS — ACT



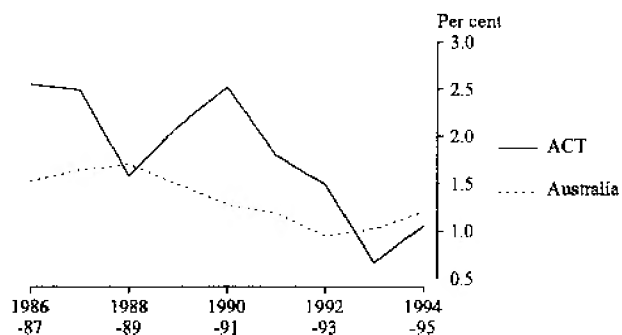
LABOUR FORCE — TREND  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



BUILDING APPROVALS  
NUMBER OF DWELLING  
UNITS APPROVED

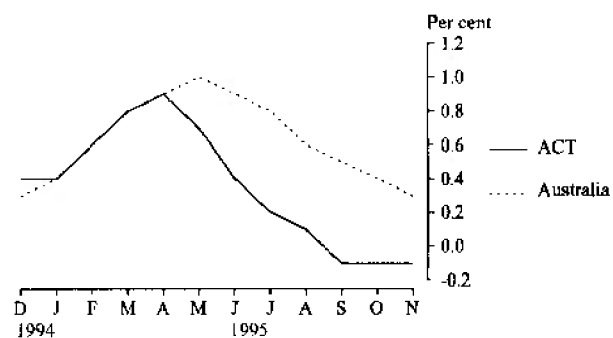


# ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION — ACT<sup>1</sup>

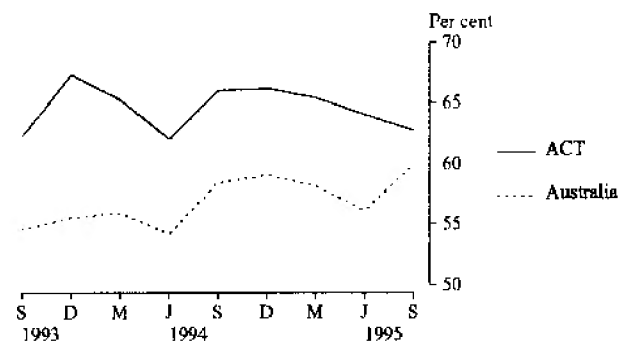


<sup>1</sup> Jervis Bay Territory excluded from 1993-94.

# RETAIL TURNOVER — ALL GROUPS — TREND PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH



# ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED — ACT



# 1 AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, MARCH QUARTER 1996/DECEMBER QUARTER 1996 EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

<i>Period</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>Short-term</b>		
Dec. qtr 1994-Mar. qtr 1995	-1.3	-0.5
Mar. qtr 1995-June qtr 1995	5.2	1.4
June qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1995	0.8	1.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1
Dec. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	0.5	-0.2
<b>Medium-term</b>		
Dec. qtr 1994-Dec. qtr 1995	3.5	3.3
Mar. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	3.0	3.0
June qtr 1995-June qtr 1996	-0.8	2.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4
Dec. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1996	3.8	4.4

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
			%	%		%	%
<b>POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR</b>							
POPULATION, June qtr 95	'000s	304.1	0.1	1.1	18 054	0.3	1.2
Natural increase	no.	841	—	3.1	34 193	-6.7	7.8
Net migration	no.	-567	-141.1	250.0	19 332	-39.6	344.4
Total increase	no.	274	-87.7	-58.1	53 525	-22.0	48.4
<b>LABOUR FORCE, December 95</b>							
Original series							
Employed	'000s	161.6	1.1	2.8	8 430.7	1.2	3.4
Unemployed	'000s	12.6	5.9	3.3	748.6	1.6	-7.3
Unemployment rate <sup>1</sup>	%	7.2	0.3	—	8.2	0.1	-0.8
Participation rate <sup>1</sup>	%	75.3	1.0	1.4	64.5	0.7	0.6
Long-term unemployed (November 95)	no.	3 385	66.1	53.9	230 057	-3.0	-18.3
Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (November 95) <sup>1</sup>	%	28.4	7.4	6.2	31.2	-0.9	-5.8
Trend series							
Employed	'000s	159.3	-0.2	3.3	8 311.1	0.2	3.0
Unemployed	'000s	12.5	2.5	5.0	765.2	-0.1	-4.3
Unemployment rate <sup>1</sup>	%	7.3	0.2	0.1	8.4	-0.1	-0.6
Participation rate <sup>1</sup>	%	74.3	—	1.8	63.8	—	0.6
JOB VACANCIES, November 95	'000s	1.4	75.0	—	56.1	-9.5	-15.0
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, Sept. 95</b>							
Working days lost	'000s	0.3	-100.0	—	40.1	-7.4	39.7
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended August 95)	no.	7.0	40.0	-89.6	87.0	1.2	31.8
<b>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION</b>							
<b>HOUSING FINANCE, October 95</b>							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	7.4	7.2	-9.8	492.6	-3.0	-18.6
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	9.8	14.0	-52.7	183.6	4.1	-9.6
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	42.1	11.4	-9.1	2 946.9	5.5	13.5
Total housing commitments	\$m	76.6	7.9	-8.5	3 623.1	4.2	6.4
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	80.0	11.4	-13.1	3 731.1	6.7	3.6
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	797	1.7	-15.3	3 835.4	1.8	-3.7
Total housing commitments	\$m	77.7	2.1	-12.4	3 669.1	1.4	-0.2
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS, November 95</b>							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	400	119.8	124.7	11 062	6.9	-30.5
Value of new residential	\$m	40.5	118.9	145.5	1 083.4	6.7	-22.5
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	5.1	-8.9	-5.6	210.6	7.0	-5.3
Value of non-residential	\$m	18.4	7.6	-52.1	889.7	-23.5	21.8
Value of total building	\$m	63.9	55.1	6.0	2 183.7	-8.0	-7.1
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	336	21.3	22.2	10 176	-1.7	-33.3
<b>BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, June qtr 95</b>							
New houses	no.	314	-4.6	-14.7	24 591.0	1.1	-26.6
Value of houses commenced	\$m	35.9	-7.2	-17.1	2 486.8	4.8	-21.0
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	59.9	7.9	19.3	2 336.2	-18.3	-7.4
Value of total commencements	\$m	123.3	-5.4	-22.5	6 458.9	-5.7	-12.3
<b>PRICE INDEXES</b>							
Established house price index, Sept. qtr 95	(1989-90 =100.0)	128	-0.1	-3.3	112.6	0.2	—
<b>PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING</b>							
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, Sept. qtr 95</b>							
	(1989-90 =100.0)						
Food		117.2	0.4	4.4	115.4	1.5	4.5
Housing		111.3	0.5	11.6	105.4	0.7	11.1
Transportation		126.8	3.8	6.0	122.0	2.7	4.3
All groups		119.1	1.3	5.8	117.6	1.2	5.1

For footnotes see end of table.



Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
		%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING — continued</b>							
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, August 95							
Original series							
Males	\$	733.00	2.0	3.7	634.80	0.3	3.2
Females	\$	511.30	-1.0	2.1	429.50	-0.1	1.9
Total persons	\$	623.40	1.2	3.7	547.80	-0.1	2.0
Trend series							
Males	\$	731.40	1.9	3.3	658.30	0.8	3.6
Females	\$	520.00	1.5	4.2	432.10	0.5	1.8
Total persons	\$	626.10	1.9	4.3	551.30	0.6	2.4
RETAIL TURNOVER, November 95							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	75.9	0.7	10.0	4 105.7	2.7	13.6
Department stores	\$m	25.3	9.1	5.4	1 072.8	16.5	7.2
Hospitality and services	\$m	29.2	-3.3	-3.6	1 816.7	2.3	8.3
All other retailing	\$m	60.5	5.0	2.4	3 427.7	5.7	5.2
Total	\$m	190.9	2.4	4.7	10 422.9	4.9	9.1
Trend series							
Food retailing	\$m	74.4	-0.3	8.5	4 036.0	0.8	11.5
Department stores	\$m	23.8	—	1.3	953.6	-0.2	2.6
Hospitality and services	\$m	27.6	-1.4	—	1 754.8	0.3	7.9
All other retailing	\$m	58.1	0.9	2.7	3 235.9	-0.1	4.9
Total	\$m	183.9	-0.1	4.3	9 980.3	0.3	7.8
<b>TOURISM AND TRANSPORT</b>							
HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE							
ACCOMMODATION, June qtr 95							
Original series							
Room nights	'000s	209.3	-1.6	5.1	8 535.5	-2.4	4.1
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.2	2.1	11.6	756.1	-2.7	12.1
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.4	1.2	6.5	650.8	-3.8	7.1
Room occupancy rate (September qtr 95) <sup>1</sup>	%	62.7	-1.3	-3.3	59.9	3.8	1.5
Seasonally adjusted series							
Room nights	'000s	222.6	1.7	5.5	8 911.0	-0.1	4.2
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.7	1.5	11.9	802.1	1.8	12.2
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.7	—	6.4	690.3	0.6	7.2
Trend series							
Room nights	'000s	221.7	2.9	4.9	8 929.7	0.3	4.0
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.6	3.2	8.9	802.4	2.0	11.1
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.6	1.8	3.1	691.5	0.8	6.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Nov. 95							
Motor vehicles	no.	1 152	23.2	14.5	51 940	-2.9	-6.3
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	1 098	16.9	23.2	49 288	-5.4	-5.2
Trend motor vehicles	no.	1 005	-0.1	3.3	50 056	-1.1	-5.2
<b>AGGREGATE INDICATORS</b>							
STATE ACCOUNTS, June qtr 95 <sup>2</sup>							
Original series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 124	11.1	3.3	103 210	4.0	3.8
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 438	9.6	4.5	114 566	5.0	5.9
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 943	8.5	-2.0	105 252	8.0	4.3
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 342	5.8	6.4	71 313	4.8	7.7
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	205	1.5	-34.7	19 115	10.2	1.4
Trend series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 064	0.4	2.5	104 172	0.3	2.8
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 391	0.7	4.0	115 612	1.3	5.6
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 872	-0.7	-1.9	104 151	0.5	4.1
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 359	1.2	5.3	72 352	1.7	6.9
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	206	-12.3	-29.7	18 710	-2.4	2.0

<sup>1</sup> Change shown in terms of percentage points.<sup>2</sup> State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>POPULATION</b>	'000s	June qtr 95	6 115.1	4 502.0	3 277.4	1 474.0	1 731.7	473.0	173.9	304.1	18 054.0
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>											
Employed persons (trend)	'000s	Dec. 95	2 809.2	2 057.7	1 511.6	656.7	828.7	200.7	81.2	139.3	8 311.1
Unemployment rate (trend)	%	Dec. 95	7.6	8.8	9.8	9.2	7.6	10.0	6.8	7.3	8.4
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS<sup>1</sup></b>											
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	\$m	June qtr 95	35 383	27 562	17 150	7 462	11 622	2 110	1 180	2 064	104 172
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	June qtr 95	39 498	30 343	18 766	8 599	12 270	2 437	1 252	2 391	115 612
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS</b>											
Dwelling units approved	no.	Nov. 95	3 787	2 086	2 579	527	1 378	208	97	400	11 062
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	Nov. 95	3 388	1 900	2 375	548	1 344	208	87	336	10 176
Value of non-residential building approved	\$m	Nov. 95	310.3	212.9	226.1	33.1	54.7	10.8	23.5	18.4	889.7
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	Nov. 95	812.0	468.7	491.6	84.2	192.9	32.7	37.6	63.9	2 183.7
<b>ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION</b>											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	June qtr 95	1 392.0	697.4	770.3	201.0	485.9	65.3	63.5	38.6	3 713.9
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>											
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	Aug. qtr 95	686.00	646.10	612.20	616.50	658.30	606.80	663.80	745.50	654.20
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>											
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	Nov. 95	3 565.1	2 257.2	1810.1	775.5	1027.8	239.5	119.1	183.9	9 980.3
<b>HOTELS, MOTELS &amp; GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION</b>											
Room nights occupied (trend)	'000s	June qtr 95	3 025.3	1 436.1	2 381.5	494.8	820.1	264.5	285.7	221.7	8 929.7
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>											
Trend	no.	Nov. 95	17 349	12 277	9 269	3 401	5 108	1 010	638	1 005	50 056
			Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b> (1989-90=100.0)											
Food		Sept. qtr 95	116.0	113.5	115.4	117.8	116.6	117.3	115.3	117.2	115.4
Housing		Sept. qtr 95	107.4	102.4	111.4	102.7	100.0	106.0	116.5	111.3	105.4
Transportation		Sept. qtr 95	121.1	122.4	120.1	124.4	123.4	119.4	119.0	126.8	122.0
All Groups		Sept. qtr 95	117.3	117.6	117.9	120.1	115.6	118.4	118.0	119.1	117.6
<b>Average retail prices (cents)</b>											
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	Sept. qtr 95	110.0	116.0	111.0	114.0	116.0	120.0	106.0	106.0	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	Sept. qtr 95	185.0	161.0	173.0	148.0	158.0	156.0	185.0	184.0	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Sept. qtr 95	1 299.0	1 150.0	1 145.0	1 177.0	1 154.0	1 163.0	1 225.0	1 145.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Sept. qtr 95	268.0	292.0	294.0	330.0	312.0	361.0	358.0	254.0	n.a.
Potatoes	1 kg	Sept. qtr 95	116.0	133.0	121.0	106.0	123.0	68.0	123.0	119.0	n.a.
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	Sept. qtr 95	580.0	569.0	561.0	563.0	573.0	639.0	534.0	562.0	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	Sept. qtr 95	309.0	258.0	245.0	315.0	365.0	212.0	298.0	280.0	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, leaded	1 litre	Sept. qtr 95	72.4	73.9	65.6	75.3	77.0	77.5	78.4	75.8	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, unleaded	1 litre	Sept. qtr 95	70.4	71.9	63.6	73.1	74.9	75.5	76.4	73.8	n.a.

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Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>POPULATION</b>	June qtr 95	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.4	—	0.2	0.1	0.3
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>										
Employed persons (trend)	Nov. 95	0.3	-0.1	—	-0.1	—	—	0.6	0.1	0.1
Unemployment rate (trend) <sup>1</sup>	Nov. 95	0.1	—	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	—	0.1
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS<sup>2</sup></b>										
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	June qtr 95	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.3	0.9	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.3
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	June qtr 95	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.9	1.2	2.5	0.7	1.3
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS</b>										
Dwelling units approved	Nov. 95	6.9	4.2	3.1	1.5	8.9	-7.6	-11.0	119.8	6.9
Dwelling units approved (trend)	Nov. 95	-2.9	-2.9	-2.1	-2.8	-1.1	-3.3	-14.7	21.3	-1.7
Value of non-residential building approved	Nov. 95	-28.2	-44.3	20.1	-52.2	12.8	-34.5	164.0	7.6	-23.5
Value of all buildings approved	Nov. 95	-9.4	-26.7	11.5	-29.1	8.7	-13.7	69.4	55.1	-8.0
<b>ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION</b>										
Value of engineering construction work done	June qtr 95	27.8	17.6	15.1	27.9	30.1	29.3	26.7	12.2	23.1
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>										
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	Aug. qtr 95	1.8	0.8	1.2	0.3	1.8	0.3	0.6	1.4	1.3
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>										
Retail turnover (trend)	Nov. 95	0.7	—	-0.2	—	0.5	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.3
<b>HOTELS, MOTELS &amp; GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION</b>										
Room nights occupied (trend)	June qtr 95	0.1	-0.6	0.9	-1.9	2.3	1.2	-3.6	2.9	0.3
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>										
Trend	Nov. 95	-1.1	-0.2	-2.1	-0.7	-1.0	-5.2	0.2	-0.1	-1.1
		Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b> (1989-90=100.0)										
Food	Sept. qtr 95	1.8	1.6	0.8	2.1	0.8	1.0	-0.2	0.4	1.5
Housing	Sept. qtr 95	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.7
Transportation	Sept. qtr 95	3.7	2.1	2.3	2.5	1.6	1.9	2.2	3.8	2.7
All Groups	Sept. qtr 95	1.6	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.2
<b>Average retail prices (cents)</b>										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Sept. qtr 95	1.9	2.7	—	3.6	3.6	—	6.0	-2.8	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Sept. qtr 95	3.4	0.6	1.2	6.5	-3.1	—	—	-0.5	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	Sept. qtr 95	3.1	2.7	0.6	5.0	3.0	1.3	-2.6	-3.5	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	Sept. qtr 95	-9.2	-9.0	—	2.2	-3.7	4.3	-0.3	-15.9	n.a.
Potatoes	Sept. qtr 95	18.4	-2.9	14.2	21.8	1.7	-4.2	—	8.2	n.a.
Coffee, instant	Sept. qtr 95	1.2	1.4	-6.8	3.1	-1.7	-2.1	2.7	-1.1	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	Sept. qtr 95	1.0	-0.8	1.2	-0.3	2.2	0.5	0.7	2.2	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, leaded	Sept. qtr 95	2.5	3.9	2.8	4.6	2.1	2.8	2.6	1.1	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, unleaded	Sept. qtr 95	2.6	4.1	2.9	4.7	2.0	2.9	2.7	1.1	n.a.

<sup>1</sup> Change shown in terms of percentage points.<sup>2</sup> State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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